



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.

## In The Claims

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Once Amended) A soft, melt extruded polypropylene nonwoven fabric, said fabric comprising thermally bonded polypropylene filaments which thermally bonds individual ones of said filaments to each other and consolidates said fabric containing as a melt additive a blend of fatty acid amides in said polypropylene in an amount of at least 0.02%, said blend comprising stearamide and erucamide, where the amount of stearamide is greater than the amount of erucamide, where the bending resistance of the fabric is less than about 0.62 grams per gram of fabric.

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